

sensitivity with children, parents, and co-workers. These qualities are at the heart of what makes a good teacher special.

The mark of a great teacher is one who cares, unconditionally, about the success and well-being of students. Mr. President, as a former teacher and school board member, I understand the challenges, responsibilities and dedication involved with teaching. I admire and respect Constance for establishing herself as a devoted teacher and administrator in the Londonderry school district. Most importantly, she is helping to shape the lives of the young students who are the future of New Hampshire and the country.

I am proud to recognize Constance's achievements and it is an honor to represent her in the United States Senate.●

IN RECOGNITION OF MACOMB COUNTY'S TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS WALTER C. WETZEL

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Macomb County, Michigan for its tribute to a brave World War II soldier, Private First Class Walter C. Wetzel. With the dedication of a bust of Private Wetzel at the new county administration building, Macomb County will recognize the selfless actions of an American war hero.

Walter C. Wetzel entered the United States Army in Roseville, Michigan and served in European theater. Private Wetzel was an acting squad leader with the Antitank Company of the 13th Infantry in Birken, Germany, during the early morning hours of April 3, 1945, when he detected strong enemy forces moving in to attack. Private Wetzel alerted his comrades and immediately began defending their post against heavy automatic weapons fire. Under cover of darkness, the Germans eventually forced their way close to the American position, hurling two grenades into the room where Private Wetzel and others had taken up firing positions. Shouting a warning to his fellow soldiers, Private Wetzel threw himself on the grenades and absorbed their entire blast, suffering wounds from which he died. The supreme gallantry of Private Wetzel saved his comrades from death or serious injury and made it possible for them to continue the defense of their post. His unhesitating sacrifice of his life was in keeping with the highest traditions of bravery and heroism. Because of his actions, Private Wetzel was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Private Wetzel and his courageous deeds have considerable meaning to his family, and to the residents of Macomb County and the State of Michigan. Private Wetzel is the only person from Macomb County to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. His life has been honored by the Michigan State

Legislature and an important street in Macomb County was named Pfc. Walter Wetzel Drive.

Mr. President, Private Wetzel is an example of the selfless and courageous commitment our soldiers display every day. I know my colleagues will join me in saluting Macomb County for its recognition of Private First Class Walter C. Wetzel and the sacrifice of the men and women of our Armed Services.●

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD

● Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise today to commend St. John's Hospital in Springfield. This is National Hospital Week, when communities across the country celebrate the people that make hospitals the special places they are. This year's theme sums it up nicely: "People Care. Miracles Happen." It recognizes the health care workers, volunteers, and other health professionals who are there 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, curing and caring for their neighbors who need them.

An example of this dedication is the Parent Help Line of St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. The program won the American Hospital Association's prestigious Hospital Award for Volunteer Excellence, which highlights special contributions of hospital volunteers.

The Parent Help Line provides parents and agencies with easily accessible, low-cost parenting information and support to help strengthen families and prevent child abuse. Trained volunteers give parenting tips, support and referrals to about 100 callers a month. Volunteers also visit parents of newborns and offer information about infant growth and development and about the Parent Help Line services, and a volunteer nurse makes a follow-up call to each family one month after discharge. Volunteers taking part in an intervention program regularly call parents identified as high risk. Parenting classes, program and support groups are made available to parents, and a television show on parenting issues airs weekly on a local public access channel. A monthly newsletter is mailed to more than 1,500 individuals and agencies in central Illinois.

Mr. President, I want to congratulate St. John's Hospital for this award-winning program.●

TRIBUTE TO MAUREEN HEGG, THE 1999 LONDONDERRY CIVIC VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Maureen Hegg on being named the "1999 Civic Volunteer of the Year" by the Londonderry Business Council. I commend her outstanding accomplishments and I wish to congratulate her for receiving this distinguished award.

As President of the Londonderry Cares Organization, Maureen has worked diligently toward making a dif-

ference in the lives of Londonderry's youth. Under Maureen's guidance, the organization affords the town's young people a place to go in the evening for planned activities.

Along with a group of dedicated individuals, Maureen has been working to open a YMCA in the Town of Londonderry. As such, Maureen is the chairperson of the Nutfield YMCA Kickoff Fundraising Dinner, an event established to assist in attracting a YMCA.

There is no greater gift to a community than one's time, talent, and energy. Volunteerism is truly special and is at the heart of what makes this community and this nation a great place to live.

Mr. President, Maureen Hegg has demonstrated a deep commitment to the Town of Londonderry and its citizens. Her tireless efforts to improve the quality of life in the town and provide the youth of Londonderry with recreational programs is outstanding. I congratulate Maureen on being named "Civic Volunteer of the Year," and it is an honor to represent her in the United States Senate.●

MOUNT CARMEL MEDICAL CENTER IN PITTSBURG, KANSAS

● Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate National Hospital Week. During this week when we pay tribute to our nation's hospitals and health systems, I would like to recognize one particular facility in Kansas that has gone above and beyond the call of duty in order to meet the needs of the community—the Mount Carmel Medical Center in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Mount Carmel Medical Center is located in the southeast corner of Kansas. The community has 20,000 residents. About 25 percent of the town's children are from families who live at or below the federal poverty level. More than half of the families in Pittsburg are headed by single parents who often work two jobs.

As one of the largest employers in the community, Mount Carmel Medical Center recognized that the entire community was suffering from the lack of quality child care. Teachers noticed that children were unready to learn, they needed immunizations and hearing tests. After a confirmation by the hospital's employee assistance program and a staff-initiated community health assessment, Mount Carmel decided to take action. They formed a partnership with the Pittsburg schools and Pittsburg State University to establish the Family Resource Center to meet many of the community's needs. The Family Resource Center now provides child care to more than 200 children and offers a wide range of social services. It also serves as the site of a free clinic staffed with local physicians for those without health insurance coverage.

The Mount Carmel Medical Center has been nationally recognized for its achievements. The American Hospital